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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of document (5) is enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 7,099,946
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 7,065,250
- (3) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0055955
- (4) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0015783
- (5) Hristidis, V. and Papakonstantinou, Y., "DISCOVER: Keyword Search in Relational Databases", Proceedings of the 28th VLDB Conference, Hong Kong, China, 2002.

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Document (5) is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the subject application and may be deemed relevant for the reasons given therein.

The subject application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a Notice of Allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing and returning a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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